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TO REDUCE RESONANCE VARIATION

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RESPONSE

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2002 in which the Examiner identified the following distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a process for making an actuator; and

II. Claims 13-19, drawn to an actuator.

Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group II, Claims 13-19, which are drawn to an actuator.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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